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Tree-fifty a day and all found. I'll be back in an hour."

Least than the hour elapsed before Helen returned to look over her gang. Not a man was in sight. Curry sat behind the desk, his little eyes thair shut. He stared at Helen been there then his knowledge with a grin on his face.

"Where are the men?" she demanded.

"Can't get 'em," said the agent; "the loaders won't go out for three-fifty,"

"Offer them three-seventy-five-four dollars," interrupted the young contractor.

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OLILAR" HOLMES was in a dilemma. At the rate of construcstruction just reported to him by Jim Behrens, the lumber road, for construction of which he had been compelled to road, for construction of which he had been compelled to issue notes aggregating more than a quarter of a million dollars, would be completed to Shady Creek by the sixteenth. This state of affairs did not suit the scheming millionaire's of the month. This state of affairs did not suit the scheming millionaire's from the Dearing gang, and two men dropped. The voiley was returned by Little Bear and his men, the part of the month is described by Little Bear and his men, the shoulder with a loaded slug.

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Then the train began to move. Slowly it crawled forward, the gang of gummen running to catch the side grips. nand immediate payment.

With a quick, nervous gesture, foreign to his usually taciturn habit, Holmes turned in his chair and pushed an electric button.

mred in the doorway. "Get him here quick."

The lumber chief was nibbling savagely at a black cigar when Behrens

Two had enough of this four-flushing over the Shady Creek construction snarled Holmes. "It's got to stop—d'ye hear me—got to stop without any preliminary monkeying? Now, what's the answer?"

"well, if you know any way to that gang working double shifts make Dawson and his gang of bosses, the hat infernal girl, Helen Dawson, let uring the shifts as they go out for speed, why, just give orders and we'll carry 'em out. As for me, I don't see what's to be done."

"Done," roared Holmes, rising from his chair, kicking it back against the office wall and stamping up and down the floor like an angry bear. "Done, you say? Why, work up a strike—get that bunch off the grade by hook or crook."

The Witch

or crook."
Now, see here, Mr. Helmes," interposed Behrens, "we've done all your dirty work for years and not a man in the crowd has been overpaid. Civility costs nothing. Remember were all in the same boat. If it wasn't for that, you and I'd part company right now, I guess."
Holmes' face became livid. He had recognized for some time a growing tendency on the part of Behrens and his men to resent his treatment of them.

of them.
"Though of this," growled the magnate. "I tell you we've got to get that gang off the work. Here's a piece of news that will probably do the trick. I've just received a wire that they've struck gold up on Elleven Mile Bend, and all kinds of hoboes are chasing in there with packs from fifty miles around. All you've got to do is to spread the news in Dawson's shacks and he won't have a baker's dozen on the work next morning."

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Bo it came about that within twenty-four hours Dawson's work shacks bussed with excitement. An exaggerated version of the gold strike on Eleven Mile had been circulated among the men. In vain Dawson and his son Tom, with Helen eagerly assisting, tried to stem the tide. By two and threes, then by dozens, and lastly in scores, the graders threw down their tools and started up the fiver.

"That settles it," growled Dawson, as the last half dozen started away. "Tom," cried Helen, "what time will the mixed train leave for Capitol

"About an hour," Tom answered.
"Well," ordered the determined girt,
"you be ready to go with me. Daddy,"
she went on. "I'm going into Capitol
to get men."

When Helen and Tom reached Capitol. City the streets were crowded
with idle men, gathered about the
employment agencies and loafing on
the edges of the walks.

Curryie agency was the nearest at
fand. Isto this office strede Helen,
followed by Tom. The wily little man
behind the desk jumped to his feet at
il-ten's demand for a hundred men.
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Curry's face broke into a broad smile.

"Bay," he chuckled, "you couldn't hire any men from this office for love or money—any kind of money—wo can't do business with you, see?"

"Holmes!" gasped Tom. "He's queered the deal."

Helen turned without a word and left the office with Tom at her heels. On the step outside she halted. Who was the tall, athletic-looking youth waving his hand and advancing toward her? Why, who but Little Bear, son of old Chief Black Bear, friend of her babyhood, son of the man murdered in his blind rase more than twenty years before by "Dollar" Holmes. The young fellow was in football costume. Little Bear was one of the star players of Capitol City university team, and to-day was the day of the big game.

Helen related the situation.

"Come on to the game—I'll get a box for you—after that, watch melig get those men or blow up the old devil's offices," laughed Little Bear.

It was a gnashing same, the big

for 100 volunteers.

The crowd was thrilled. One man stepped forward, then two or three together. At last scores caught the infection and within a few minutes a hundred and fifty men were ready to board the train at the wages offered.

Tom Dawson rushed to the telegraph office with a brief message scrawled b Helen. "We win," it read; "get ready for to-morrow. In on special to-night."

"H'm," grunted Holmes, as he perused the message, taken off the wire by one of his operators, "that means quick action for us."

Five minutes later Behrens, hastily summoned, was in the magnate's office. Holmes was not excited now. He was cool and sharp as a steel trap.

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"Get Dearing's bunch of roughnecks together," ordered Holmes; "that gang's going north on a special at eight o'clock. Collect the outfit at Sleepy Hollow and you know the rest. That train will have a block signal against it at the Hollow and you can pull the crew off. Let the gang walk back. It'll do 'em good. Don't stand any nonsense but no more shooting than absolutely necessary. Get me?"

On board the train, Helen riding with Tim McNell, the engineer, no trouble was suspected. The block eignal meant "Stop," so the train stopped. Out piled McNeil and his fireman, the latter staring into a pistol muzzle as he hit the ground oil can in hand. A few feet away McNeil was similarly treated. At that instant Little Bear, who was in charge of the work crew, took a snapshot with his Winchester 45 at Dearing, and neatly clipped that gentleman in the shoulder with a loaded slug.

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